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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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NUCLEIC ACIDS AND  
MOLECULAR CLONING

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an Extension of Time of Five month(s) to file a Response in the above-identified patent application. This will serve to extend the time for filing the Response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 11, 2004 from April 11, 2004, up to and including September 11, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, an extension fee of \$1,005.00 for maintaining the pendency of the present application is required. The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 25436/1124. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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